

NOTES

10/24/2005 Meeting at the Fayette County DCS (6:00pm-7:00pm) for the Regional Service Council, Region 12.

Meeting began with introductions

In attendance were Vickie Jones (Regional Director), Matt Cox (Union County Judge), Debbie VanMeter (FCM-Fayette County), Jennifer Munden (Supervisor-Henry County), Mary Willis (Henry County Judge), Mark Munchel (Director-Fayette County), Gene Sanford (Director-Union County), Terry Suttles (Director-Franklin County), Dan Turner (Director-Rush County), Jean Cates (Director-Wayne County), and Dan Pflum (Fayette County Judge).

There are more reps needed one from CASA and a foster parent rep.

CASA programs:

Fayette County-yes

Franklin County-yes, but may not be certified

Wayne County-no

Union County-yes

Rush County-no

Henry County-yes

Melissa Thomas from Fayette County CASA program is being considered as well as LouAnne Jennings and Susan Stamper. from Henry County CASA program.

Jean Cates suggested Barbara Baumgartner as the foster parent rep. No other suggestions were made.

It was discussed that Probation Department staff can attend these meetings if they so choose.

CONCERN: There is a concern about having Regional services that this may squeeze out small organizations. The team doesn't want to see this happen.

Current Community Mental Health facilities available:

Dunn Mental Health: Services to Fayette, Rush, Wayne, and Union

Comprehensive Mental Health: Services to Wayne and Henry. Willing to currently expand to Fayette.

Lawrenceburg Community Mental Health: Services to Franklin.

The main focus of the council is to identify needs not currently being met by providers and to also hold providers more accountable.

QUESTION: Will there be a Regional Pooling of Child Services accounts?

It is believed that concept of Regional Services is not to take away current services, but to expand availability.

One example would be the JACY house in Wayne County. Only Family Advocacy Center in Region. Other counties can currently access, but have to pay. Could be possible to pool monies and allow every county to utilize with no further cost.

Monies and Services should be determined by June of 2006.

It was suggested that each county meet with their local groups/agencies: DCS, Community Corrections, Probation, CASA... and discuss current local programs and further needs for the community prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for 01/09/2006 @ 3:30 pm at the Fayette County DCS office. It was also decided that meeting would then take place monthly on the 2nd Monday of each month thereafter.

Individuals present

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